



**U.S. Immigration  
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# News Release

## **ICE PARTICIPATES IN NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK CELEBRATION**

*Employees promote recruiting and retention by highlighting careers in Public Service*

NEW ORLEANS, La. — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) participated in this year's Public Service Recognition Week Exhibit May 4 at the Lakeside Mall in Metairie, La. Lynda Sidney, Investigations Division, Judith Vincent and Special Agent Eric DeLaune represented ICE.

This annual Public Service Recognition Week helps educate Americans about the various federal services provided throughout the country, and shows appreciation for the contributions of all government employees. Each year thousands of civil service, military and civilian visitors attend such public exhibits to learn firsthand how public service touches citizens' lives daily.



Eric DeLaune (right) discusses ICE issues at this year's Public Service Recognition Week Exhibit at Lakeside Mall as Judy Vincent observes

"This event gives our ICE office a great opportunity to show off a little," said Michael Holt, ICE New Orleans special agent-in-charge. "We have a significant and challenging law enforcement mission that much of the public may not be familiar with. This yearly event allows us to meet with the public one-on-one and explain what we do to help keep their communities safer. As taxpayers, they're entitled to know." Holt heads the ICE New Orleans Office of Investigations, which covers the states of: Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

This event is designed to encourage pride in the federal workforce by promoting initiatives that focus on excellence, and that recognize the value of its employees' contributions to their overall agency mission. Another goal is to promote recruiting and retention efforts, by highlighting careers in public service that are rich in challenges and that enhance the quality of life for all Americans. The initiative portrays Public Service as a continuously learning culture, and encourages the pooling of best practices including: innovation, partnership, teamwork and leadership.

### # ICE #

*U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.*